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SUBJECT: BELGIAN POSITION ON KOREAN AND KHMER ITEMS AT UNGA

REF: A) USUN 3012 B USUN 3058 C) USUN 3046

1. DURING CONVERSATION WHICH WE INITIATED ON OTHER UN ITEMS, FONMIN DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFAIRS (BAUWENS) VOICED HIS BELGIAN DISPLEASURE OVER FACT THAT BELGIUM WAS NOT ASKED TO BE AMONG ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA PRODUCED BY WORKING GROUP IN NEW YORK (REF A). NOTING THAT BELGIUM HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WESTERN EFFORTS ON KOREA IN UN IN PAST, BAUWENS SAID GOB WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO BE INFORMED EARLIER OF RESULTS OF WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS. BELGIANS HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY OFFENDED THAT THEIR EC COLLEAGUES, UK AND NETHERLANDS, HAD NOT KEPT THEM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. BAUWENS INDICATED THAT BELGIANS WERE SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BY UK EXPLANATION THAT QUICK ACTION WHICH HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO PLACE NEW ITEM ON AGENDA HAD NOT ALLOWED SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID THAT DIRGEN POLITICAL
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AFFAIRS DAVIGNON WOULD AIR BELGIAN VIEWS AT CURRENT MEETING

OF EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN PARIS BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
BELGIUM WOULD EVENTUALLY AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY KOREAN ITEM.

3. COMMENT: BELGIAN'S PIQUE WILL BLOW OVER QUICKLY, BUT
EPISODE ILLUSTRATES THEIR SENSITIVITY TO BEING KEPT INFORMED
OF IMPORTANT WESTERN INITIATIVES IN UN. FIRESTONE

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